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This 1992 annual report provides a statistical profile of child care services in the Illinois counties of Champaign, Macon, Douglas, Piatt, Vermilion, and Iroquois, all counties that are listed with the Child Care Resource Service (CCRS). The first section of the report furnishes county-by-county statistics on full-day programs at day care centers, listing the number of centers, capacity, vacancies, and cost. The second and third sections provide similar information for part-day programs at day care centers and in family child care settings. The final section provides a profile of the 1,668 callers requesting child care referral services from the CCRS in 1992, and indicates that the majority of callers: (1) preferred family child care (62%) over center care (25%); and (2) required care on a full-time basis (52%). (MDM)

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CHILD CARE RESOURCE SERVICE

A Child Care Resource and Referral Service for East Central Illinois

ANNUAL DATA REPORT

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PART 1: CHILD CARE SUPPLY DATA

Following is a profile of child care services in Champaign, Macon, Douglas, Piatt, Vermilion, and Iroquois Counties. The information is shown by those communities listed with the Child Care Resource Service (CCRS). Availability and cost are two issues of primary concern to parents needing child care. The following report was developed using data collected in 1992.

CENTER CARE FULLDAY PROGRAMS

Champaign/Urbana/Savoy

Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 27

Number of these programs licensed: 25

Number of these programs license-exempt: 2

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 YRS)	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	B/A SCHOOL
Number of Centers	11	12	22	27	5	14
Total Capacity	113	134	256	1006	138	503
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	4	32	7	28
Average Cost/Week	\$109.68	\$107.70	\$86.19	\$78.85	\$71.70	\$43.80
Minimum Cost/Week	\$90.00	\$74.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$0
Maximum Cost/Week	\$145.25	\$145.25	\$145.25	\$107.50	\$80.00	\$55.00

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Of the fulltime center programs, 4 offer assistance to families on low income with a partial or total fee waiver. Among these programs, there are the following subsidized slots:

- 23 slots serving infants (0-15 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 25 slots serving toddlers (15-24 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 40 slots serving twos (24-36 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 147 slots serving preschoolers (3-5 years)
0 vacancies reported
- 5 slots serving school-age children (5-12 years)
0 vacancies reported

In addition, four centers offer a sliding scale fee with some allowance for families on low income. The minimum and maximum costs for these four centers are \$27/week-\$150/week for infant/toddler care and \$27/week-\$85/week for two year-old and preschool care. One offers assistance to teenage parents attending school. Three centers offer small or partial scholarships to eligible families.

The following program notes apply to the fulltime centers in all regions:

- * Computations for deriving the Average Cost per Week did not include figures for centers offering a total fee waiver. This was done to avoid significant "down-weighting" by zero cost entries. For centers with sliding scale fees, average parent fees were used in computations for the Average Cost per Week.
- * Minimum and maximum costs do not reflect centers with sliding scale fees.

Champaign County
Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 7
Number of these programs licensed: 6
Number of these programs license-exempt: 1

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	B/A SCHOOL
Number of Centers	2	2	5	6	1	5
Total Capacity	25	15	33	152	10	159
Fulltime Vacancies	7	7	2	18	7	14
Average Cost/Week	\$74.50	\$72.50	\$65.40	\$66.17	\$55.00	\$52.22
Minimum Cost/Week	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$39.11
Maximum Cost/Week	\$79.00	\$75.00	\$72.00	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$65.00

Decatur
Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 14
Number of these programs licensed: 12
Number of these programs license-exempt: 2

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	FULE DAY KINDERGARTEN	B/A SCHOOL
Number of Centers	6	6	10	11	1	9
Total Capacity	36	61	134	500	20	381
Fulltime Vacancies	1	6	3	25	0	40
Average Cost/Week	\$88.80	\$83.60	\$67.44	\$62.38	\$84.00	\$36.44
Minimum Cost/Week	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$84.00	\$26.25
Maximum Cost/Week	\$109.0	\$103.00	\$92.00	\$84.00	\$84.00	\$45.00

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Of the fulltime center programs, 1 offers assistance to families on low income with a partial or total fee waiver. Within this program, there are the following subsidized slots:

- 10 slots serving infants (0-15 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 15 slots serving toddlers (15-24 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 7 slots serving twos (24-36 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 40 slots serving preschoolers (3-5 years)
0 vacancies reported

Two centers offer a sliding scale fee with some allowance for families on low income. The sliding scale fees range from \$1.08/month-\$248/month for 2 year-olds and \$1.08/month-\$240/month for preschoolers. In addition, two centers offer scholarships as funding allows.

Macon County
 Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 2
 Number of these programs licensed: 2
 Number of these programs license-exempt: 0

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	B/A SCHOOL
Number of Centers	1	1	2	2	0	1
Total Capacity	8	8	17	40	0	50
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	2	2	0	0
Average Cost/Week	\$102.00	\$95.00	\$72.33	\$65.75	0	\$68.00
Minimum Cost/Week	\$102.00	\$95.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	0	\$68.00
Maximum Cost/Week	\$102.00	\$95.00	\$71.50	\$71.50	0	\$68.00

Douglas County
 Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 0

Piatt County
 Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 2
 Number of these programs licensed: 2
 Number of these programs license-exempt: 0

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	B/A SCHOOL
Number of Centers	1	1	2	2	0	1
Total Capacity	7	7	26	31	0	16
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	3	3	0	2
Average Cost/Week	\$90.00	\$85.00	\$76.25	\$73.75	0	\$45.00
Minimum Cost/Week	\$90.00	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$70.00	0	\$45.00
Maximum Cost/Week	\$90.00	\$85.00	\$77.50	\$77.50	0	\$45.00

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

One fulltime center offers 8 subsidized slots for low income families:

- 4 slots serving infants and toddlers (0-30 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 4 slots serving 2 year-olds and preschoolers (2 1/2-5 years)
2 vacancies reported

Danville
Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 12
Number of these programs licensed: 9
Number of these programs license-exempt: 3

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	B/A SCHOOL
Number of Centers	3	3	6	12	0	3
Total Capacity	24	25	74	367	0	45
Fulltime Vacancies	2	2	9	80	0	10
Average Cost/Week	\$79.33	\$74.33	\$60.25	\$57.64	\$0.0	\$17.50
Minimum Cost/Week	\$73.50	\$70.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$0.0	\$15.00
Maximum Cost/Week	\$89.50	\$79.50	\$69.50	\$69.50	\$0.0	\$20.00

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Two centers offer a small scholarship to eligible families and two offer sliding scale fees. The sliding scale fees range from \$50-\$100/week for infants/toddlers and \$45-85/week for children 2 years and older. Of the fulltime center programs, one offers assistance to families on low income with a partial or total fee waiver. Within this program there are the following subsidized slots:

- 8 slots serving infants (0-15 months)
2 vacancies reported
- 5 slots serving toddlers (15-24 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 16 slots serving twos (24-36 months)
0 vacancies reported
- 35 slots serving preschoolers (3-5 years)
2 vacancies reported
- 10 slots serving school-age children (5-12 years)
0 vacancies reported

Vermilion County
Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 0

Iroquois County
Number of centers offering fulltime programs: 3
Number of these programs licensed: 3
Number of these programs license-exempt: 0

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	B/A SCHOOL
Number of Centers	3	3	3	3	0	1
Total Capacity	22	31	19	86	0	10
Fulltime Vacancies	1	1	0	5	0	0
Average Cost/Week	\$61.50	\$60.50	\$59.50	\$59.00	\$0.0	\$22.50
Minimum Cost/Week	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$0.0	\$22.50
Maximum Cost/Week	\$65.00	\$63.00	\$61.00	\$60.00	\$0.0	\$22.50

CENTER CARE
PARTDAY PROGRAMS

Champaign/Urbana/Savoy

Number of centers offering only partday programs: 22

Number of these centers licensed: 15

Number of these centers license-exempt: 7

	INFANT	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
No. Centers	1	1	4	22
Total Capacity	12	18	84	1546
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	3	35
Min Cost/Month	\$2.20/hr	\$2.20/hr	\$55.00	\$53.00
Max Cost/Month	\$2.20/hr	\$2.20/hr	\$155.00	\$200.00
Average Cost/Month	\$2.20/hr	\$2.20/hr	\$65.00	\$73.92

Subsidies or Financial Assistance Available:

Six programs serve low income families with no fee charged. These include Head Start programs and programs offered through the Illinois State Board of Education. In addition, one full-day program has a classroom for special needs children which is free of charge for preschool hours and 7 subsidized slots are available for special needs children requiring full-day care. Eight programs also offer a small scholarship to eligible families and one program offers sliding scale fees.

- * Three full day programs also offer the option of attending during preschool hours only, if all full-day slots are not taken.

The following program notes apply to the partday centers in all regions:

- * In programs offering several options, only the 3-day rate is calculated under cost.
- * Computations for deriving the Average Cost per Month did not include figures for centers offering a total fee waiver. This was done to avoid significant "down-weighting" by zero cost entries. The Average Cost per month was based on calculations using only 3-day rates.
- * Minimum and maximum costs per month reflect the lowest and highest fees found among 3-day, 4-day, and 5-day programs.

Champaign County
Number of centers offering only partday programs: 12
Number of these centers licensed: 12
Number of these centers license-exempt: 0

	INFANT	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 YRS)
No. Centers	0	0	0	12
Total Capacity	0	0	0	358
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	0	23
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$48.00
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$99.00
Average Cost/month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$59.40

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Two of these programs serve low income families with no fee charged.

Iroquois County
Number of centers offering only partday programs: 8
Number of these centers licensed: 5
Number of these centers license-exempt: 3

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
No. Centers	1	1	1	8
Total Capacity	5	5	5	230
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	0	23
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$15.00
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$65.00
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.75

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Four programs serve low income families with no fee charged. These include Head Start programs and programs offered through the Illinois State Board of Education.

* One full day program also offers the option of attending during preschool hours only, if all full-day slots are not taken.

Decatur
Number of centers offering only partday programs: 22
Number of these centers licensed: 18
Number of these centers license-exempt: 4

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	PART DAY KINDERGARTEN
No. Centers	1	1	3	22	1
Total Capacity	6	6	24	1293	20
Fulltime Vacancies	0	1	3	50	2
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$23.00	\$6.67	\$72.00
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$23.00	\$68.00	\$72.00
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$23.00	\$44.28	\$72.00

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Six of these programs serve low income families with no fee or a partial fee charged. These include Head Start programs and programs offered through the Illinois State Board of Education. In addition, six programs offer a small scholarship to eligible families.

* Two full day programs also offer the option of attending during preschool hours only, if all full-day slots are not taken.

Macon County
Number of centers offering only partday programs: 7
Number of these centers licensed: 5
Number of these centers license-exempt: 2

	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
No. Centers	0	0	7
Total Capacity	0	0	230
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	28
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$28.39
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$48.00
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$43.03

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Two of these programs serve families with no fee charged and funded through the State Board of Education. One program offers scholarships as funding allows.

Douglas County
 Number of centers offering only partday programs: 6
 Number of these centers licensed: 6
 Number of these centers license-exempt: 0

	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
No. Centers	0	0	6
Total Capacity	0	0	232
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	19
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$30.00
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$64.00
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.00

One center offers small scholarships to eligible families.

Piatt County
 Number of centers offering only partday programs: 4
 Number of these centers licensed: 3
 Number of these centers license-exempt: 1

	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
No. Centers	0	0	4
Total Capacity	0	0	187
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	17
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$35.00
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$66.00
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$55.50

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Two of these programs serve low income families with no fee charged.

Vermilion County
Number of centers offering only partday programs: 7
Number of these centers licensed: 6
Number of these centers license-exempt: 1

	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
No. Centers	0	0	7
Total Capacity	0	0	152
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	33
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$36.00
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$116.00
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$58.00

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

One program, Head Start, serves low income families with no fee charged.

Danville
Number of centers offering only partday programs: 7
Number of these programs licensed: 3
Number of these programs license-exempt: 4

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)	PART DAY KINDERGARTEN
No. Centers	0	0	1	7	1
Total Capacity	0	0	16	769	20
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	0	68	0
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.00	\$24.00	\$21.25
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$21.25
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.00	\$52.20	\$21.25

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Two of these programs serve low income families with no fee charged. These include Head Start programs and programs offered through the Illinois State Board of Education.

* Four full day programs also offer the option of attending during preschool hours only, if all full day slots are not taken.

Iroquois County
 Number of centers offering only partday programs: 8
 Number of these centers licensed: 5
 Number of these centers license-exempt: 3

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	TWOS	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
No. Centers	1	1	1	8
Total Capacity	5	5	5	230
Fulltime Vacancies	0	0	0	23
Min Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$15.00
Max Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$65.00
Average Cost/Month	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.75

Subsidies and/or Financial Assistance Available:

Four programs serve low income families with no fee charged. These include Head Start programs and programs offered through the Illinois State Board of Education.

* One full day program also offers the option of attending during preschool hours only, if all full-day slots are not taken.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Family child care is another child care option available to parents. In the State of Illinois a family child care provider must be licensed if s/he is caring for more than three children unrelated to the caregiver. The maximum number of children should never exceed twelve in a standard family care home. Providers who meet additional requirements can be licensed for a group day care home and can care for up to sixteen children. Licensing standards also dictate the age mix a provider may care for. In addition, the numbers allowed include the caregiver's own children under 12 years of age.

Champaign/Urbana/Savoy

Number of providers listed with CCRS: 272

Number of these providers licensed: 243

Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 2

Number of these providers license-exempt: 29

Estimated % of total licensed: 87%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	142	233	260
Evening Vacancies	63	71	74
Weekend Vacancies	11	17	17
Avg. Cost/Week	\$68.04	\$65.38	\$64.85
Min. Cost/Week	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$47.50
Max. Cost/Week	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

% offering evening care: 24%

% offering weekend care: 17%

% offering overnight care: 19%

% offering sibling discount: 54%

- Discount range: 5%-50%

Part-Time fee range: \$1.5-\$5/hour

Champaign County
 Number of providers listed with CCRS: 57
 Number of these providers licensed: 54
 Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 2
 Number of these providers license-exempt: 2
 Estimated % of total licensed: 89%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	32	38	37
Evening Vacancies	3	4	4
Weekend Vacancies	0	0	0
Avg. Cost/Week	\$60.83	\$59.33	\$59.13
Min. Cost/Week	\$45	\$40	\$40
Max. Cost/Week	\$85	\$75	\$75

% offering evening care: 14%
 % offering weekend care: 13%
 % offering overnight care: 13%
 % offering sibling discount: 52%
 - Discount range: 20%-75%

Part-Time fee range: \$1.25-\$2.5/hour

Decatur
 Number of providers listed with CCRS: 81
 Number of these providers licensed: 81
 Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 0
 Number of these providers license-exempt: 0
 Estimated % of total licensed: 74%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	40	58	48
Evening Vacancies	7	12	13
Weekend Vacancies	0	0	0
Avg. Cost/Week	\$59.07	\$58.36	\$58.36
Min. Cost/Week	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Max. Cost/Week	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00

% offering evening care: 27%
 % offering weekend care: 17%
 % offering overnight care: 19%
 % offering sibling discount: 51%
 - Discount range: 5%-75%

Part-Time fee range: \$1.25-\$2.5/hour

Macon County
 Number of providers listed with CCRS: 15
 Number of these providers licensed: 15
 Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 0
 Number of these providers license-exempt: 0
 Estimated % of total licensed: 68%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	6	11	6
Evening Vacancies	0	0	0
Weekend Vacancies	0	0	0
Avg. Cost/Week	\$57.92	\$57.92	\$56.58
Min. Cost/Week	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Max. Cost/Week	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00

% offering evening care: 20%
 % offering weekend care: 27%
 % offering overnight care: 20%
 % offering sibling discount: 53%
 - Discount range: 10%-30%

Part-Time fee range: \$1.25-\$2/hour

Douglas County
 Number of providers listed with CCRS: 34
 Number of these providers licensed: 34
 Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 0
 Number of these providers license-exempt: 0
 Estimated % of total licensed: 74%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	11	10	19
Evening Vacancies	0	0	0
Weekend Vacancies	0	0	0
Avg. Cost/Week	\$56.25	\$55.88	\$54.95
Min. Cost/Week	\$50	\$50	\$50
Max. Cost/Week	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00

% offering evening care: 12%
 % offering weekend care: 9%
 % offering overnight care: 6%
 % offering sibling discount: 49%
 - Discount range: 20%-50%

Part-Time fee range: \$1-\$2/hour

Piatt County
 Number of providers listed with CCRS: 25
 Number of these providers licensed: 25
 Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 0
 Number of these providers license-exempt: 0
 Estimated % of total licensed: 65%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	6	10	11
Evening Vacancies	3	3	3
Weekend Vacancies	0	0	y
Avg. Cost/Week	\$54.31	\$54.31	\$54.31
Min. Cost/Week	\$45	\$45	\$45
Max. Cost/Week	\$78.75	\$78.75	\$78.75

% offering evening care: 28%
 % offering weekend care: 12%
 % offering overnight care: 20%
 % offering sibling discount: 60%
 - Discount range: 20%-33%

Part-Time fee range: \$1.25-\$3/hour

Vermilion County
 Number of providers listed with CCRS: 81
 Number of these providers licensed: 62
 Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 1
 Number of these providers license-exempt: 1
 Estimated % of total licensed: 62%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	54	96	88
Evening Vacancies	13	15	15
Weekend Vacancies	5	5	5
Avg. Cost/Week	\$56.25	\$55.46	\$55.45
Min. Cost/Week	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Max. Cost/Week	\$90.00	\$87.50	\$87.50

% offering evening care: 58%
 % offering weekend care: 21%
 % offering overnight care: 17%
 % offering sibling discount: 49%
 - Discount range: 10%-80%

Part-Time fee range: \$1-\$2.5/hour

Iroquois County

Number of providers listed with CCRS: 37

Number of these providers licensed: 36

Number of these providers licensed for a group day care home: 1

Number of these providers license-exempt: 1

Estimated % of total licensed: 84%

	Infants (0-2)	Pre-School (2-5)	School-Age (6 & up)
Fulltime Vacancies	14	19	23
Evening Vacancies	0	0	0
Weekend Vacancies	0	0	0
Avg. Cost/Week	\$52.20	\$51.14	\$49.82
Min. Cost/Week	\$39.00	\$35.00	\$20.00
Max. Cost/Week	\$67.50	\$67.50	\$67.50

% offering evening care: 31%
% offering weekend care: 28%
% offering overnight care: 21%
% offering sibling discount: 69%
- Discount range: 10%-90%

Part-Time fee range: \$1-\$2/hour

PART II: CHILD CARE DEMAND DATA

Between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1992, the CCRS received 2564 calls. 1668 calls (65%) were from parents needing child care. 493 (19%) of these parents were single parents. 294(11%) calls were from child care providers requesting technical assistance and/or resource materials. 241 calls (9%) were from individuals needing specific information about becoming a family child care provider. 360 (14%) were from employers, agencies, and/or organizations requesting information about child care.

During this period the CCRS primarily served a six county area in East Central Illinois: Champaign, Macon, Douglas, Piatt, Vermilion and Iroquois. During the entire year, 76% of the calls to the CCRS were from Champaign County, 14% were from Macon County, approximately 2% were from each of Douglas and Piatt Counties, and 8% from other areas including Vermilion and Iroquois County.

Of the 1826 children for whom child care was requested,

- 609 (33%) were for children between birth and 1 year
- 247 (14%) were for children between 1 and 2 years
- 247 (14%) were for children between 2 and 3 years
- 197 (11%) were for children between 3 and 4 years
- 173 (9%) were for children between 4 and 5 years
- 113 (6%) were for children between 5 and 6 years
- 242 (13%) were for children over 6 years

After discussing available options, parents were asked what type of care was preferred. Some parents had one clear preference. Others would consider two or three care options. Of total preferences expressed,

- 1425 (62%) preferred family child care
- 587 (25%) preferred center care
- 297 (13%) preferred in own home care

Parent callers needed child care for the following times:

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| - 993 (52%) full-time (more than 30 hrs./week) | - 42 (2%) temporary care |
| - 606 (32%) part-time (less than 30 hrs./week) | - 54 (3%) variable care |
| - 119 (6%) evening care | - 15 (1%) drop-in care |
| - 32 (2%) weekend care | - 0 (0%) overnight care |
| - 30 (2%) occasional care | |

When asked what type of location was preferred, the following responses were given. Two or three locations were often considered.

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| - 594 (43%) near home | - 170 (12%) enroute to work |
| - 170 (12%) near workplace | - 94 (7%) near child's school |
| - 125 (9%) in one's own home | - 169 (12%) not a factor |
| | - 69 (5%) near parent's school |

After discussing average cost for child care, parents were asked what was affordable. The following figures pertain to full-time care only and are given in \$/week/child.

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| - 350 (20%) \$0-\$20 | - 250 (15%) \$60-\$70 |
| - 64 (4%) \$20-\$30 | - 76 (4%) \$70-\$80 |
| - 277 (16%) \$30-\$40 | - 23 (1%) \$80-\$90 |
| - 136 (8%) \$40-\$50 | - 32 (2%) \$90-\$100 |
| - 175 (10%) \$50-\$60 | - 328 (19%) cost not a factor |

1279 (70%) of total children for whom care was requested had special needs or requests. Those were:

- 1064 (84%) low income households needing subsidized care
- 145 (11%) needed transportation provided by child care service
- 70 (5%) children with special needs

Caller and spouse (when applicable) were asked to give reasons why child care was needed. Responses included:

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| - parent working | 1297 (71%) |
| - parent in school or training | 299 (16%) |
| - looking for work | 127 (7%) |
| - parent's personal needs | 53 (3%) |
| - child's development needs (social, educational) | 40 (2%) |

The CCRS charges parents an annual fee for the referral service. The fee is a sliding scale fee and is based upon a family's combined income level and family size. For the majority of this reporting year the fees ranged from \$0-\$30.

Not all callers are charged a fee. Those who have paid previously within their year of service or those calling for something other than a child care referral, for example, are not charged a fee.

- 72% (no fee)
- 1% (\$5 fee)
- 14% (\$10 fee)
- 0% (\$15 fee)
- 6% (\$20 fee)
- 0% (\$25 fee)
- 7% (\$30 fee)

Callers found out about the CCRS through the following sources:

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| - Word of mouth | 329 (22%) |
| - Agency (DCFS, Public Health, etc.) | 297 (20%) |
| - Previous user | 316 (22%) |
| - Center or family child care provider | 238 (16%) |
| - Telephone book | 140 (10%) |
| - Employer | 50 (3%) |
| - Brochure/display | 31 (2%) |
| - Media (newspaper, radio, etc.) | 50 (3%) |